



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

November 11, 2009

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Thank you to all the families who came out to help with the Lincoln Fall clean-up on Saturday. It was chilly but dry and what better way to work off all those Kit Kats and Twizzlers that we've been sneaking out of our kids treat bags? Thank you to Andrew Shepard and Joe Bartlett for coordinating this day during a very busy fall season. This is yet another terrific example of many hands (large and small) coming together to build the community of Lincoln while plowing through some necessary work. Our next LSPA meeting is tomorrow. It will be held at 8:30 in the LIBRARY. Please note this is a change from our usual venue. We are planning on continuing meetings in the library as the acoustics are much better and of course the chairs a bit comfier. Kate Scanlon will be discussing the analysis of Lincoln's MCAS results and we will be proposing plans for a Playground Committee and a Winter Math and Science Fair. Note that we do not host an LSPA meeting in December so come and get your fill. One last note of thanks to Lynn Vozzella, our tireless and compassionate nurse, for keeping us informed regarding the ever changing updates on the flu viruses and vaccines. Our best, Bridget Stump and Linda McDonough

CALENDAR

Wed, Nov 11

NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day

Thurs, Nov. 12

LSPA meeting 8:30am - Library

Mon-Fri, Nov. 16-20

Book Fair

Tues & Wed, Nov. 17&18

Ice Cream Social

Wed, Nov. 25

Early Release

Thurs-Fri, Nov. 26 & 27

NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday

BOOK FAIR AND OUTREACH IN ACTION

Dear Lincoln families, as many of you

know, every year the book fair chooses an organization to support. This year we are donating books to a very special place that desperately needs books. Camp Starfish is a therapeutic camp in New Hampshire. It is a unique place for children with emotional and behavioral challenges. This is a camp where kids find success, friendship, role models and safety; sometimes for the first time. They are a one-of-a-kind summer camp and year-round support for families. Camp Starfish was recently the unfortunate site of an arson fire and lost the building that housed their entire library.



Camp ★ Starfish

This is what we can do to help them: Stop by the "Starfish Bin" at the book fair and buy a book or two to be donated to this wonderful organization. Keep in mind that the success and continuity of Camp Starfish is contingent upon the generosity of individuals. To learn more about the camp go to <http://www.campstarfish.org/>. For more on how to help or get involved, contact Janet Boswell (rjb1982@verizon.net) or Karina Nolasco (karinanolasco@comcast.net). (Camp Starfish is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit.)

We thank you in advance for your future support and see you at the Book Fair!!

TEACHER BOOK PICKS MAKE A GREAT GIFT

Looking for that perfect gift for your child's teacher or classroom this holiday season? Check out the Teacher Book Picks list at Book Ends! The children's department at Book Ends now has an updated list of books that Lincoln teachers have individually selected and would love to add to their classroom libraries this year. Books are also great choices for birthdays and end-of-year gifts. Please note that some titles are older and may not be in stock; however, Book Ends can order any title that is still in print and will usually receive it within 3 days. If you have any questions, please contact Darina Gilley

Chesterton at gilleyd@chesterton.com or Jamie Spencer at jamiespen@comcast.net

7 CLASSROOMS BREAK THE BOX TOP'S 200 BARRIER!!!



Congratulations to all Lincoln classrooms for helping get the Box Top collection program off to a great start! WOW! As of October 31st we have earned a total of **\$391 towards our \$1,500 goal**. But don't stop now! You and your child(ren) can continue to help the school raise money and participate in the contest by clipping box tops and dropping them in your child's classroom collection box. **Special recognition to the clippers in Ms. Barford's and Mrs. Flaherty's classes! They came out strong but it's still very early in the contest so keep on clipping! Lead Box Top collectors as of October 31st:**

1 st	Barford	4 th grade	553
2 nd	Flaherty	1 st grade	540
3 rd	Linehan	3 rd grade	335
4 th	Hollis-Pfeifer	3 rd grade	306
5 th	Bowman	2 nd grade	226
6 th	Hunt	Kindergarten	225
7 th	Haugh	5 th grade	208

IMPORTANT HEALTH UPDATE

Information to assist in preventing the spread of H1N1 virus in school and home: Due to the slight increase in absenteeism and Flu-like symptoms in the Winchester Schools, I am reiterating some basic tools you should be practicing at home and school.

1. Frequent hand washing, hot water and soap, especially around meals, and after sneezing, or coughing.
2. Place hand sanitizers to facilitate regular hand hygiene. Use the "PUMP IN – PUMP OUT" theory.
3. Demonstrate cough and sneeze etiquette. "Do it in your sleeve"
4. Clean surfaces and items that are more likely to have frequent hand contact

(high-touch surfaces) with your normal cleaning agents according to your routine schedule. It is best to use a product that contains 60% alcohol base.

****** Once respiratory secretions containing the virus dry out, the virus is no longer effectively infectious. There is no need for special disinfection or decontamination efforts, and the main focus should be on hand washing and cough and respiratory etiquette. It is an airborne/ droplet virus. ******

The custodial staff is working diligently to clean all high-touch surfaces on a daily basis. They are wiping down doorknobs, water fountains, hand railings, bathroom doors, sinks and faucets. Teachers are wiping down the desks at dismissal. Good job to all in keeping our Lincoln kids healthy. If you would like to learn more about preventing the spread H1N1, the DPH website www.mass.gov/dph/swineflu is very informative.

--Lynn Vozzella, R.N., School Nurse

WARM CLOTHING DRIVE

For the past 18 years, Lincoln School has had a warm clothing drive for the East Somerville Community School in Somerville, Mass. I would like to continue this tradition. There are about 700 students enrolled in grades k-5. Many of the students come from warmer climates and do not have adequate clothing for our Northeast winters. Starting from Oct 27th until Nov 20th there will be a table set up in the corridor on the way to the art room for clothing collection. CLEAN, winter jackets, sweatshirts, sweatpants, long pants, sweaters, gloves, coats, scarves, and winter boots would be greatly appreciated. The target age group is K-5. Infant, adult and "snow pants" are not needed. The spokeswomen stated there is a bigger need this year than in the past.

I want to thank Donna Toelke and the 5th graders in advance for volunteering to help sort and bag the items. Thank you for your generosity and participation.

--Lynn Vozzella R.N., School Nurse

LSPA DIRECT APPEAL

We need your help! We still have a long way to go to reach our goal of \$28,000 to support the 2009/2010 budget. Any amount helps and *every* amount is appreciated! As you may know, the Direct Appeal is the LSPA's only fundraising campaign. Some of the many programs funded by the LSPA include: The Library, Science Mania, Welcome Back Dinner, Field Day, Open Circle Training for Teachers, grade specific field trips,

speakers, and activities. The Direct Appeal fundraising efforts are overseen by the Ways and Means Committee. Thank you in advance for your support.

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To Contribute:

You may either leave a check made payable to the **Lincoln School Parents Association (LSPA)** with the contribution form in the box labeled "Direct Appeal" on the table across from the library on the 1st floor of the school **or** you may contribute on-line with your credit card at www.lincolnspsa.org by clicking on the Direct Appeal link. The LSPA is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions are tax deductible. We will forward receipts for tax purposes in January. Many employers provide fund matching contributions to tax-exempt organizations. If applicable, please obtain the forms from your employer's human resource department.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FLU CLINIC

The Winchester Board of Health is offering a SEASONAL (NOT H1N1) Flu MIST clinic to the public. It will be on Thursday, November 12, 2009, from 4pm-7pm. Ages 2-49, healthy, non-pregnant individuals are eligible.

INDOOR SOCCER FOR GIRLS AND BOYS

Winchester Indoor Soccer is a start-up league for girls ages 7-10 and boys ages 6-8 designed to allow players to develop their soccer skills through 5 vs. 5 games at Lynch gymnasium.

The girls' league will be held on Wednesdays starting December 2, with games lasting 1 hour, starting at 4:00 or 5:00.

The boys' league will run on Tuesdays starting December 1, with games lasting 1 hour, starting at 4:00 or 5:00.

Questions, please contact Michelle Ross at 781-756-0170.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DISPLAY

Get ready for the holidays by decorating your own gingerbread house. Then enter your house in the Shannon's Village Gingerbread House Display on December 5th from 9:30-11:30 at Hadley Hall, Parish of Epiphany, 70 Church St. Display includes cookie decorating and raffle. All

proceeds from the sale of the kits goes directly to The Lymphoma Research Foundation. Kits are \$25 each. Order one (or more!) by November 17th. For more information or to order a kit email Jen Degnan at Shannonsvillage@yahoo.com

WINCHESTER BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration for WBA in-town basketball is now available at www.winchesterbasketball.org.

On Saturday mornings in December, January, and February, the WBA offers an in-town basketball program for boys and girls in grades 3-5. There are separate divisions for boys and girls in each grade. Our objective is for all players to have fun while improving their basketball fundamentals, with an emphasis on developing individual and team skills. For grades 3-5 the program is designed to be instructional and recreational for younger players with limited basketball experience. A typical session includes about 25% drills-ball handling, passing, shooting and footwork; and 75% games and contests. Registration for the in-town program is \$115; discounts are available for multiple players from the same family.

To register or for more information, visit www.winchesterbasketball.org. For other questions, contact Tom Gaither at twgaither@comcast.net

WANTED: ECO-TEAM PARTICIPANTS



Temperatures are falling and energy bills are rising!

Would you like to know what your carbon footprint is, take simple steps to reduce it, save money on energy, have fun, and get to know some of your fellow Lincoln parents?

If so, please consider joining a Lincoln School eco-team that will meet just 3-4 times (approximately weekly) to learn about, discuss and pursue "carbon-reducing" actions. Teams consist of approximately 8 people. You can sign up as a ready-to-go team with friends and neighbors or on your own and we will create a team for you. Each meeting lasts

about 1.5 to 2 hours. A short, interesting and easy workbook entitled *Low Carbon Diet* by David Gershon is used as a guide (copies are available at the Winchester Library or for sale at Bookends for \$10.36 – a 20% discount).

If you think you might be interested in an Eco-Team for anytime this year, please e-mail Ingrid Geis at idgeis@comcast.net. Please include your name, phone number, and e-mail address. Thank you for being on the forefront of the Cool Winchester Initiative*!

*Cool Winchester is part of a national campaign aimed at helping households reduce their annual carbon footprints by 25%. For more information, see www.sustainablewinchester.org/coolwinchester.

WINCHESTER COOPERATIVE THEATER PRESENTS: MY FAIR LADY

Come see this gloriously witty adaptation of the Broadway musical about Professor Henry Higgins, who takes a bet from Colonel Pickering that he can transform unrefined, crass Cockney flower girl Eliza Doolittle into a lady. The WCT production features the unforgettable songs written by Loewe and Lerner and delightful, original choreography of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

Friday, Nov 20th, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov 21st, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov 22nd, 1:00 p.m. and 4pm

Call 781-721-PLAY for tickets (\$15 each)

Recommended for ages 3 and up

McCall Middle School

458 Main Street, Winchester, MA 01890

Wheelchair accessible

"HERO OF THE HIGH SEAS"

The WHS Class of 2010 proudly presents Captain Richard Phillips to come and speak on November 17, 2009, at the McCall Middle School Auditorium from 7:00-9:00 PM. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased at Book Ends or at the Main Office at Winchester High School. Reserve your tickets by emailing WHSclassof2010info@gmail.com. The proceeds from this event will benefit the Winchester Hospital Cancer Care Center and the WHS Class of 2010. As always, your support is so greatly appreciated.

Captain Phillips graduated from Winchester High School in 1973 and the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in 1979. He was Captain of the Maersk Alabama when Somali pirates hijacked his ship and held him hostage for 5 days in April, 2009.

Please come and hear Captain Phillips' compelling story from the high seas. It is sure to be an incredible WOW!!

LINCLETTER SCHEDULE

The Lincletter is published weekly on Wednesdays with a deadline to submit news the prior Friday.

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